



## The 2015 Cash for College Challenge

### \$1,000 Grant Opportunity for Schools Serving Grades K-8

Each year, Learn More Indiana's Cash for College campaign kicks off statewide December through March. With information and events on paying for college, saving money and finding financial aid, Cash for College is a one-stop resource for paying for your future.

Elementary, middle and junior high schools across the state are invited to tell Learn More Indiana how they are increasing students' financial aid literacy and helping them understand college costs. Three winning schools will receive \$1,000 towards college and career programming in the 2015-16 school year.

#### What are we looking for?

- 1) Tell us what you did for Cash for College 2015 (posters, announcements, Spirit Days, classroom lessons, parent nights, using activities from [CashForCollegeIndiana.org](http://CashForCollegeIndiana.org), using paying sections from *LEARN MORE* magazines, etc.) and how you'll use \$1,000 to help more students prepare for college and careers.
- 2) Tell us how many students participated in and submitted Cash for College contest entries.

#### How does a school implement successful Cash for College activities and programs?

Successful activities are aligned with the steps students should take at each grade level.

- **Grades K-5:** Understand that college costs money, but will help you get a better job. Understand budgeting and saving basics. Learn that good grades pay off in real dollars for college. Recognize activities that are scholarship-worthy: excellence in afterschool activities, service and volunteering, good grades and strong writing skills. Give parents information on Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans ([LearnMoreIndiana.org/529](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/529)).
- **Grades 6-8:** Sign up for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars in seventh or eighth grade, if income-eligible. Know that earning an honors diploma in high school makes you eligible for more financial aid from the State of Indiana. Build on Grades K-5 information on scholarship eligibility. Continue saving for college.

#### How does a school apply for Learn More Indiana's \$1,000 "Cash for College" grant?

Email a scanned PDF of this completed form (including the signature), along with any attachments, to [contests@learnmore.org](mailto:contests@learnmore.org). **All grant applications must be received by March 10, 2015.** Contact Amber Audrain at [aaudrain@che.in.gov](mailto:aaudrain@che.in.gov) or 317.464.4404 ext. 139 with any questions.

### Funding and Terms

The awards for schools are made possible through the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant, CFDA #84.378A, Project ID P378A120012, Project Year 2013. By applying for this subrecipient award, an organization: (1) warrants that it is eligible to receive these funds and (2) agrees to comply with any U.S. DOE or Indiana State Board of Accounts audit and reporting requirements, including retention of supporting documentation.

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*For Schools Serving Grades K-8*

General Information	
School name	
School corporation	
Grades served in 2014-15	
Number of students	
School address	
Contact name and position	
Contact phone number	
Contact email	
Cash for College Activities	
<b>What activities did you implement as part of Cash for College 2015?</b> (Please limit your response to 200 words or less. Please describe, as applicable, how the activities fit your students' needs, how many students participated, how school staff participated and how you used the Cash for College materials, shipped in August and September, and other resources.)	
<b>How many students participated in the Cash for College contest?</b> (An estimate is acceptable. Please also explain how students completed the contest, whether in school, sent home as homework, etc.)	

Proposed Budget		
<b>What will your school do with \$1,000 to help students learn about college and/or careers in spring 2015, summer 2015 and/or the 2015-16 school year?</b> (Note that school grants cannot include food for events lasting fewer than six hours and transportation costs must be reasonable and must be for a college- or career-related destination.)	Item	Estimated Cost
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

Feedback for Learn More Indiana	
<b>Which materials or resources from Learn More Indiana were the most helpful?</b> (Including all Cash for College materials which were shipped in August and September, <i>LEARN MORE</i> magazines, Educator Guides, online resources, and the Indiana Career Explorer)	
<b>What, if anything, would you change about Cash for College and the resources provided?</b>	
<b>Do you have any additional comments?</b>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email completed application to [contests@learnmore.org](mailto:contests@learnmore.org) by March 10, 2015.**

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